

App. No. 10/656,024
Amdt. Dated August 31, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 3, 2004
Atty. Dkt. No. 7719-115

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This reply is responsive to an Office Action dated August 3, 2004. Claims 2, 3, 6 through 10 remain in this application. Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been canceled without prejudice in favor of prosecuting them in a divisional patent application.

The Office Action objected to claims 8 through 10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 8 through 10 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 2, 6 and 7 have been amended to be dependent on allowed claim 8. Thus, the remaining claims 2, 3, 6 through 10 are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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